

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 14th 2007

Limerick Radio Club

The January meeting of Limerick Radio Club will take place on the third Thursday i.e. the 18th of January 2007 and not the second Thursday of January as previously announced. The venue will be the Limerick Institute of Technology, Moylish and the commencement time is 19:30 as usual.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club has moved to new premises for their weekly meetings. The new venue is in the premises of the Cork Youth Film & Video Group located in the new bungalow behind the Cork Forum building on Assumption Road, Blackpool. Meetings are held every Monday night starting at 8.00 pm and new members and visitors are always very welcome. Enquiries about the club should be directed to Dick Bermingham EI6HH on 021-4545154.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The first SEARG Committee Meeting of 2007 will take place on Wednesday the 31st of January at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford. Committee members are asked to attend. As this meeting replaces the general meeting, which normally takes place on the last Wednesday of each month, there will be no general meeting for January.

IRTS 75th Jubilee

As part of the 75th Jubilee celebrations, the sub committee is putting together a short audio visual presentation about the history of the Society. They are particularly anxious to receive copies of any audio or videotapes, including old 8mm cine clips of radio activities. They will take them in any format, copy same and return. However if you have some such material and can transfer it to digital files that will greatly assist their work. Contact Seamus 8BP or Paul 2CA if you can help.

The special 75th jubilee commemorative IRTS logos are available to members for use

on their QSL's and web sites etc. Use of these logos will help promote the Society and the 75th celebrations. The logos can be downloaded from www.irts.ie Simply go to the information section and click on 'Downloads'.

Region 5 Theory Classes

Theory classes will commence in the Cork area on Tuesday January the 16th at the Resource Centre, Main Street, Carrigtwohill. The Class tutor will be Mick Lee EI4HF and the course administrator is the IRTS Region 5 representative, Dave EI4BZ.

If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Dave on 087-6290574 as soon as possible. The classes will finish in time for the next theory examination, which will be held in June.

Theory Examination

The next Theory Examination for the Experimenter's Licence will be held on Thursday the 18th of January next at 2 p.m. in the ComReg Offices, Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin. Those at present studying for an Experimenter's Licence may wish to obtain a copy of the CD course Guide produced by the Society. These are available from Sean EI7CD at a cost of 5 Euro to cover registration, postage and packaging.

IRTS 4 metre and 6 metre Shields

The 4 Metre & 6 Meter shields will be presented to the leading 4 & 6 Metre operators at this years I.R.T.S. AGM. This competition is run on a calendar year basis, 1st of January to the 31st of December 2006. The scoring will be calculated as follows: Unique contacts multiplied by Maidenhead locator squares by DXCC. All modes count. Could anyone interested in this competition please send their 2006 logs to the Contest Manager, Brian Canning "brianei8iu at eircom dot net". If you make contact with a particular station, say 5 times during the year, you can only claim this as 1 QSO. Squares mean IO51, JO63 KM78 etc. It is hoped that everyone can and will send in a log, it is easier for those that have computer logs as it takes all the hard work out of counting squares & unique QSOs.

Squares table 2006

Could everyone who supported the VHF/UHF squares table during the past year send in their final updates for 2006 to the VHF Manager "joe underscore fadden at yahoo dot com" before the end of January. Some good square scores were achieved on 6 meters this year even though conditions were poor. If you have not sent in a score for any of the VHF/UHF bands during 2006, you can still do so.

EI0MAR Article in PW

The current February edition of Practical Wireless contains a three-page feature on EI0MAR, which operates each Sunday from the vintage radio museum in Howth. The article is well illustrated with colour photographs and relates the history of the Martello tower, in which the museum is located, and its connections with the early days of wireless experimentation. Both Lee de Forest, the American inventor of the triode valve, and the Marconi Company conducted experiments from the Martello in 1903 and 1905 respectively.

The Practical Wireless article, by Tony (EI5EM), also gives a run down on the activities of the Howth Martello Radio Group using its own regular EI0MAR callsign as well as documenting other special event activities for JOTA, International Marconi Day and the Howth Festival. Photographs of the radio equipment used at EI0MAR are also included in the article

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 until 4 during the winter months and seven days a week from April until October. EI0MAR is usually QRV on Sundays on HF and also monitors S23 (145.575 MHz). More details, including a contact telephone number, are available at www.qsl.net/ei5em/museum.html Visitors who would like to see the station in operation are advised to telephone or email "ei0mar at eircom dot net" to check that the station will be QRV on a particular date.

Phoenix Rally

The Phoenix rally takes place on the 4th of February 2007 in the Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown. Admission is 4 Euro and doors open at 11.00 a.m. Doors are open at 8.30 a.m. for traders. The emphasis of this rally is on the "Bring and Buy" aspect and radio amateurs are encouraged bring along any items that they would like to part with as it is felt by the organisers that many of those who attend rallies do so with the intention of acquiring parts and second hand equipment.

Rallies

In addition to the Phoenix Rally, four other radio rallies are scheduled to take place during February, March and April 2007. First comes the Limerick Rally, which is in the Greenhills Hotel on Sunday the 11th of March. Later that month, on Saturday 24th of March, the Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society holds its rally in Lisburn, while on Sunday the 15th of April the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Show takes place in a new venue, the Share Centre at Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh.

The IRTS AGM and Rally takes place on Sunday the 22nd of April in the Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork, with the AGM Dinner on the previous night. More details of these events are in the current issue of Echo Ireland and on the "Rallies and Events" page of www.irts.ie

AREN News

On the 16th of January AREN Assistant Co-ordinator Conor O Neill will provide training to members of Cork Motor Club. On the night material to be covered will include the installation and operation of radios. The Clubs next Major event, the West Cork Rally takes place on St Patrick's weekend. Local AREN members are presently studying maps of the stages in order to select and test a suitable repeater site.

The 2007 Galtee Walks (Glen of Aherlow Waking Festival) will take place on the later than previously advertised date of the weekend of the 1st to the 3rd June 2007.

For up-to-date information about AREN news and activities, visit www.aren.ie

EI2P: 60th Wedding Anniversary

EI2P - Roderic Mooney & his wife Kathleen will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Monday the 15th of January and his family along with fellow radio amateurs would like to send their Congratulations.

Roderic has been an Amateur Radio Operator for over 75 years. His call sign of EI2P is now one of the oldest in the country. Over the last 60 years, they have lived in Killiney, Carrickmines and Enniskerry. They have six children, Gerald, Andrea, Desmond, Garret, Stephen and Catherine and nine grandchildren.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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